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COMMON FACILITIES FOR NEGOTIATORS, JULY 16

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1. BELGIAN REP INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO ACT AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALLIANCE IN LEASING OFFICE PREMISES FOR NATO MBFR DELS ON ASSUMPTION THAT BELGIUM WOULD INCUR NO NATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATION THEREBY, WOULD ACT MERELY AS A POST OFFICE FOR TRANSMITTING RENT AND WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING RENT SHARES FROM PARTICIPANTS. ALL AGREED.

BELGIAN REP ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT BUILDING AT 21 SCHOTTEN-RING HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY A UNIVERSITY IN VIENNA AND THAT WHILE THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WLD STILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE, THEY WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A RENTAL FIGURE AT PRESENT. HE NOTED THAT BELGIAN FONMIN VAN ELSELANDE WOULD RAISE THIS PROBLEM, AS WELL AS THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES QUESTION, WITH THE AUSTRIANS DURING HIS JULY 16-17 VISIT AND UNDERTOOK TO REPORT BACK TO THE SPC.

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2. SPC AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN-ENDED AD HOC GROUP CONSISTING OF BOTH POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL REPS FROM DELEGATIONS UNDER THE JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF MESSRS. SEKERIA (NEWLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NATO) AND ANDRESEN (CHAIRMAN MILITARY BUDGET

COMMITTEE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GROUP INCLUDE PROVISION OF STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO SPC RE BUILDING, COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING NATO-WIDE TERMINAL), BUDGET, STAFF NEEDS AND COST-SHARING WITH AN INITIAL REPORT TO BE FURNISHED IN EARLY AUGUST. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL REPS WILL REMAIN WITH SPC. ON THE LATTER POINT, ALTHOUGH DIFFERING ALLIED VIEWS WERE NOT RECONCILED AT THIS MEETING, UK POSITION OPPOSING ATTACHMENT TO EMBASSY STAFFS (SEE USNATO REFTEL) SEEMS TO BE WEAKENING.

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